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Re: Application of Thomas HAFKER of Langwedel, Germany  
Jens SCHMIDT of Grasberg, Germany  
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING (CIGARETTE) PACKETS  
Assignee: **FOCKE & CO. (GmbH & CO.)**  
Our Ref: Q93831

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☐ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ seven (7) sheet(s) of drawings (Figs. 1-12).
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☐ a copy of the IPER.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☐ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

**A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date with the required fees.**

It is assumed that copies of the International Preliminary Examination Report and the certified priority document will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

**It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).**



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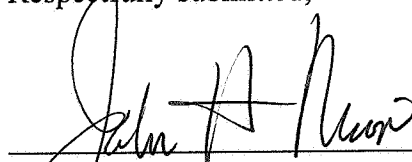
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Priority is claimed from:

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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